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Subject:	request for a commentary from Project Syndicate

Dear Mr. Barak,

You may recall that we corresponded a few weeks ago about you perhaps contributing to *Project Syndicate*, the global association of 527 newspapers in 154 countries with a combined circulation of 138 million. We are now in the process of putting together our annual Year in Review for 2013, and we would like to invite you to contribute an article of 1000 or so words in English on how you see security in the Middle East evolving in 2014 that we would then provide to our papers around the world for publication in the Year in Review. (Among the early confirmed contributors for the 2013 review are South Korean President Park Guen-hye, Mexico's President Peña Nieto, China's Prime Minister Li Keqiang, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India Raghuram Rajan (a long time PS monthly columnist,) Governor of the Bank of Japan Haruhiko Kuroda, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde, World Bank chief economist Kaushik Basu, George Soros, Mohamed ElBaradei, and Bill Gates. Other invitees, so far, to the Year in Review include President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil, President Abdullah Gul of Turkey, ECB President Mario Draghi, former Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, Justin Yifu Lin, Asian Development Bank Chief Economist Changyong Rhee, and Michael Sandel.

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I thank you for your kindness in considering my request, and do hope that you will agree to contribute.

Yours faithfully,

Kenneth Murphy
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